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SUBJ: TRANSKEI-LESOTHO BORDER PROBLEM

1. DURBAN PRESS HAS REPORTED A NEW TRANSKEI-LESOTHO BORDER SQUABBLE, THUS FAR APPARENTLY CONFINED TO THE QACHA'S NEK BORDER POST. THERE, OVER FEBRUARY 18-20 WEEKEND, LESOTHO CITIZENS WERE PREVENTED FROM CROSSING TRANSKEI'S MALUTI DISTRICT FOR WEEKEND SHOPPING AT S.A. TOWN OF MATATIELE. THEY REPORTEDLY WERE TOLD THAT HENCEFORTH VISAS (PREVIOUSLY OBTAINABLE AT BORDER POST ITSELF) COULD ONLY BE APPLIED FOR IN TRANSKEI CAPITAL, UMTATA. A TRANSKEI POLICE OFFICIAL SUBSEQUENTLY CONFIRMED THAT NEW REGULATIONS HAD BEEN INTRODUCED BY THE TRANSKEI INTERIOR MINISTRY; AND A SENIOR TRANSKEI GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN STATED TO THE PRESS THAT THE MOVE WAS A REACTION TO THE METHOD BY WHICH TRANSKEIANS VISITING LESOTHO WERE "RIDICULED" BY HAVING THEIR TRAVEL DOCUMENTS IMPOUNDED AT LESOTHO BORDER AND BEING FORCED TO TRAVEL IN UNCLASSIFIED

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LESOTHO WITHOUT MEANS OF IDENTITY.

2. COMMENT: INCIDENT OCCURS IN THE AREA WHERE LESOTHO PREVIOUSLY ACCUSED TRANSKEI OF CLOSING THEIR COMMON BORDER. LESOTHO AT THAT TIME (NOVEMBER 1976) TOOK THE ISSUE TO UNITED NATIONS WHICH ADOPTED A RESOLUTION AND DISPATCHED A SPECIAL UN INVESTIGATION TEAM IN FEBRUARY 1977 TO VISIT THE TELE

BRIDGE AND QACHA'S NEK BORDER POSTS.
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